

ODINISM AND RUNES

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Introduction

FIGHTING for the ideals of National Socialism today, it may seem that a belief in a religion and its symbolism is somewhat out-moded and frivolous. But it is vitally important to discover our ancient (and natural) roots. Every racial group excepting ourselves are being encouraged to look at their history, culture and mysticism. It is essential in our fight for survival that we must not ignore or undervalue our own heritage. We have two of the greatest gifts known to our race in the Runes, and the Odinist faith, with its accompanying life philosophy.

The Runes and the mysticism they represent are proof that our Germanic ancestors had a cleverness that was, and is in advance of other races. The Marxists and Christians of today could not exist without their myths of equality and one-worldliness. By suppressing or denying the fullness of our ancestors culture they keep secret a vital part of our past. We as a people cannot be truly free or independent until we have our own faith returned.

The survival of Odinism and the Runic system is an example of how stubborn and tenacious our traditions can be. Through Odinism and the power of the Runes, we encourage the true National Socialist to see himself or herself as being completely in harmony with Nature and part of a natural order of life.

Only the teachings of Odinism can give us the depth and fullness on which to build the foundations of "White Pride".

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What are the Runes?

THE Runes are the ancient alphabet of the North European peoples, but are far deeper in meaning and form than our understanding of what an alphabet is today. Runes are the symbols containing the secrets of the Odinist faith, the moral, philosophical and political ideas of our Germanic ancestors before they were christianised.

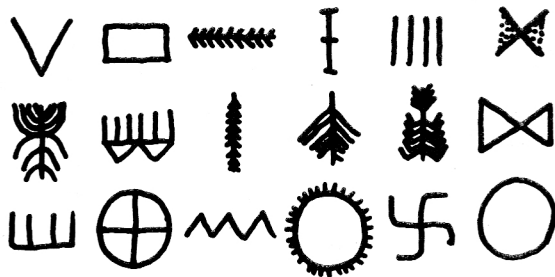
Each Rune has a meaningful shape, sound and name, which later came to be used for alphabetic letters. It is through understanding fully the mysteries which lie behind the Runes that we begin to understand the power they held for our forebears.

There are at least six different Runic "FUTHARK" systems, varying from across the Northern world; Sweden to Northern France and England, most share common root symbols with slight variations in shape and meaning.

The Runic alphabet or 'Futhark' evolved from a complex system of pictographs (Fig 1.) used by Stone and Bronze Age European tribes. Though the shapes have evolved and vary slightly between regions and tribes, the mysteries they represent "*came into being*" and are not man made.

A great genius, the first high priest of the Odinist faith who was called Odin, just as his God, simplified and arranged the Runes into a series of 24, further sub-divided into three groups of eight named after the first Rune in each group.

The word Rune is indigenous to all the old dialects of the Germanic group of languages. It means '*to whisper*'. That is to talk to another secretly without revealing yourself to strangers.



(Fig i)

Who are the Northern Gods?

ODIN

Odin (Wotan or Woden) is the supreme divinity of the North European tradition. He personifies "the all pervading creative and formative power which bestows shape and beauty on men and all things, from which proceeds the gift of song and the management of war and victory and on which depends the fertility of the soil" (Grimm).

Odin is well named "Allfather". No-one can match his wisdom and magical abilities. He is the eldest of the Gods, it is he who discovered the power and secrets of the Runes, also he was the inventor of poetry. His name is derived from a word meaning 'rage' or 'fury'. His power is present on the battlefield as a force inspiring men to win, his power is also present in inspired thoughts and words such as poetry and song.

THOR

Thor is Odin's son and deputy, who's job it is to fight against evil forces which threaten men and Gods alike, he is the chief defender of Asgard. Thor is God of justice and good dealings between men, under his authority all meetings between men are arranged. His weapons are thunder and lightning, his crashing hammer, "the Bone-crusher", nothing can withstand his fury and fighting spirit. In mythology Thor defended Asgard the home of the Gods and defeated the giants. Thor protects the home, the Race, the Tribe, the Family; he is also the God of the blacksmith and craftsman.

The Thor's Hammer is his special symbol and token of his presence. Amongst Odinists it is a holy sign and as such is worn as a token of faith.

BALDER

Balder is the favourite God of all Nature, the fair God, Balder meaning bold, who is destroyed by the forces of darkness, only to be reborn again. He represents the life of the Sun, during the life of the year he is brought down in midsummer only to rise again in the sky at midwinter. (Yuletide, the midwinter Odinist festival).

FREY

Frey is brother to the Goddess Freya, he is Lord of nature and good harvest, friend of farmers and stockbreeders. Frey is God of Love and riches, of peace and plenty.

Frey is a very old God in terms of history, worship of Frey goes back into

forgotten time, before European man used metals. Frey's name actually means 'Lord' whereas Freya's means 'Lady'. Freya was Goddess of Spring and fertility in women.

In summary, the Gods of Odinism are the ordaining powers of Nature and consciousness attired with personality. They are of us as we are of them, inseparable; one cannot exist without the other.

How to become an Odinist

You become an Odinist by opening your mind to the culture and mysticism of our Nordic ancestors, at the same time closing your mind to modern materialism. By learning about our Northern heritage and thinking about what it means as an alternative to Christianity, Marxism or Islam, or indeed to any non-Aryan creed. A truthful, ancient way of looking at life, in harmony with the Natural world.



Name of Rune: *Feoh, Fee, Frey.*

Meaning of Rune: Possessions.

The things the Earth gives us, such as cattle and livestock. The first money was called 'Feoh' or 'Cattle'. This is a very special kind of wealth that does not grow through profit, but through natural increase, as in the breeding of stock of seeds and berries. For this reason the God Frey lives in this Rune.

Use of Rune Past and Present:

In early times it gave us our first idea of money, and when we speak of being paid a fee, this is where the modern word came from. It also means being lucky, money luck. Although it means wealth, man cannot always own it, it is just his for a short time while on Earth, it was given to him along with his life by the God Frey.

Other Information.

It is also the Rune of Life itself as a kind of warmth or inner fire inside each living creature. It is the cause of all movement. The ancients believed that this Fire force met the Ice force and created the Universe. Therefore they used both this Fire-Rune and its opposite the Ice-Rune as important signs.

This Rune is used for the letter 'F'.

Name of Rune: *Uruz, Yore-ox, Ur.*
(The horns of the wild ox).



Meaning of Rune:

The Yore-ox or Auroch (wild Forest Ox) which once roamed the forests of Northern Europe, now extinct. It came to mean 'strength' because of the great courage needed to trap and kill the beast. From its horns the Vikings and Saxons made their great drinking horns. It also means brute force, and represents the times to which this animal belonged.

Other Information:

Also can mean extra power of several people relating to 'Our' (collective strength).

Use of Rune: Past and Present:

After this animal became extinct, this Rune expressed quite different things; such as the three parts of time, Past, Present, Future, in the form of the three Norns (3 sisters of time or fate).

In National Socialist Germany this Rune was used to express UR-ALT, this is the earliest time, pre-history.

Used for the letters 'U' and 'V'.



Name of Rune: *Thorn, Thor, Donar.*

Meaning of Rune:

It can take life away or give it. The Hammer of Thor as the protector of the people, the killer of Giants and evil forces which are too great for mankind. It is literally 'a thorn in the side' to any who wish to harm the Folk. This 'Hammer' Rune also creates thunder and storms which are followed by rain and fresh growth.

Use of Rune: Past and Present:

In early times this Rune was used as a charm that could blunt the blades of enemy swords. It could make an attacker freeze in fear.

In 20th Century National Socialism its meaning is having a target in life or ambition, striving to win through.

Other Information:

The shape of the Rune tells us that Will can do anything, punch through when all its strength is concentrated at one point. The Thor-power can be found within this Rune, and can be used to focus Thor's power.

Used for the letters 'TH'.

Name of Rune: *Rad, Ride, Right, Cart-wheel, Chariot of Thor, Right half of a wheel (a Sunwheel).*



Meaning of Rune:

It means that everything ought to turn in the right direction, the correct direction, the way the Sun turns. To do evil is to go against this direction, against the Sun, against Thor. To do evil is to turn against Nature, which turns as a wheel through its different stages.

Use of Rune; Past and Present:

This Rune was worn by Odinist priests as a symbol of faith, as the idea of 'Right' was involved. It was also used to express the rightness of ideas, "Rad" can mean Law or Politics.

This Rune became of Rune of Justice, the symbol of secret German courts of the people who punished enemies by language.

Other Information:

This Rune can also mean any turning back to old ways or customs.
Used for the letter 'R'.

Name of Rune: *Ase-rune (God Rune), (The Rune of Odin), (The wind-blown cloak of Odin).*



Meaning of Rune:

It means the breath or spirit that is called Odin, that is present when a man speaks well or is inspired. The spirit rages through him like a storm wind and is afterwards expressed through the mouth as words. Odin is present in this Rune through his role as God of Rune magic.

Use of Rune: Past and Present:

The wind-blown cloak of Odin is the sky itself. His voice is the wind, his mouth is the Rune as container for all the Runes of the Futhark.

Used for the letter 'A'.

Name of Rune: *Cene. (A brand of Pine set alight as a torch).*



Meaning of Rune:

Fire used for a specific purpose. In pre-historic times the ability to make fire was a mark of genius, as fire had until then been the word of the Gods. This Rune came to signify a knowledgeable person who used Fire, such as the Smith, the craftsman, the magician.

Use of Rune, Past and Present:

Its worldly meaning is the Rune of Kin, ones own tribe or clan, and of making children. Along with the Odal it is a good Rune to express the idea of Race. It has been used to express the birth of a child, the result of an act of passion. In mathematics it has become a symbol for greater than >, and less than <.

Other Information:

The Rune is also used as the Rune of the Fire-ship on which the body of a hero is sailed. It also symbolises the fire of passion, temper, inspiration, knowledge and creativity.

Used for the letter 'k'.

Name of Rune: *Gefu, Giving. Combination, Working together, Marriage, a Pact.*



Meaning of Rune:

An exchange of gifts between Gods and men as the basis of religion, (Men

worship them and give in return). An answer to a prayer or wish, this Rune's name is said outloud in prayer to the Gods themselves.

Use of Rune; Past and Present:

It still survives as the symbol for kisses on the bottom of greeting card etc. in times when a man could not write he made his mark, X as a sign of a Pact.

Used for the letter 'G'.

Name of Rune: *Wynn, (Joy-Rune, Companion-Rune, Tribal Banner).*



Meaning of Rune:

It is the Rune of Happiness, Joy, the Rune of sharing and the freedom which comes from it. It is the Rune of racial togetherness. It creates peace and friendship in those of the same tribe. A Rune of unity, of that which is beautiful and pleasing.

Use of Rune; Past and Present:

Crossed Wynn Runes were once placed over the doorways of buildings to show that, all in this house belong to a single group or family.

Certain 1920's German Nationalist groups used the crossed Wynn Rune as their emblem. The Rune of the Vanir, tribe of Gods and Goddesses who represent peace and plenty.

Used for the letter 'W'.

Name of Rune: *Hagal, Hail, (Containing Frame, Hedge).*



Meaning of Rune:

Harmony, Balance, Best of health, strong frame. In its shape the Ice-like

and fire-like moods of the Universe in equal measure, creating harmony. It also represents the air as a mid-way, and the hail-stone as another (not in earth or the sky).

Use of Rune, Past and Present:

It has an alternative in the Heil Rune which brings health and wholesomeness.

Used for the letter 'H'.

Name of Rune: *Need, Necessity. (A fire-bow used to make fire).*



Meaning of Rune:

What must be done, what is most urgent. Events press down on man and force him to act. Man faces up to Fate, (the Norns, three sisters of Fate). Man turns things round to suit his purpose, even if at first things seem unbeatable. The Rune of the limits of possibility.

Use of Rune: Past and Present:

It is neither good nor bad as it contains all possibilities. This Rune was scratched on the nails of newlyweds to show they were bound together.

Used for the letter 'N'.

Name of Rune: *Is, Ice. (An icicle, frozen stream).*



Meaning of the Rune:

Stillness. The personality, existence as a bridge over the waters of life.

Use of Rune, Past and Present:

The Frost Giants of Norse Myths represented its sluggish, clumsy nature. When it met fire Life itself was created. In modern times it has been used to

suggest the idea of gravity, the power of attraction.

The Rune has also been used as the Rune of Will, Manliness, self-control.

Used for the letter 'I'.



Name of Rune: *Jera, Year.*

Meaning of Rune:

The circle made by the sun during the course of a year. It is also the Rune of Rewards and the Harvest, received when the best efforts have been made by man.

This Rune gives special protection to the Aryan peoples who worshipped the Sun and were thought of as sons of the Sun.

Use of Rune:

This Rune not only represents the twelve months of a year, but is twelfth Rune of the Futhark.

This Rune was used by German Nationalists Bunds in the 1920's. The Rune's shape tells us that time comes in cycles, as do the rewards and benefits for the people.

Used for the letters 'J' and 'Y'.



Name of Rune: *Eoh, Yew. (Main branch of the World Tree).*

Meaning of Rune:

The idea of being 'Evergreen' and surviving for long periods of time. The Yew is the tree of the Archer God, Ullr, who rules over the winter season. The power of Life and Death. War Runes were often carved on pieces of Yew.

Traditionally a burning torch of Yew calls the tribes to war against the common foe. It means defence.

the Hitler Youth. Used by SS troops as a grave marker. As the 17th Rune it marks a man's fitness for service in war at 17 years of age.

Used for the letter 'T'.

Name of Rune: *Berkana, Birch.*
(The Earth Mother).



Meaning of Rune:

The Rune of High Places where man makes his home and buries his dead, (the Burgs). The spirit of the Earth Mother gives life out of her shape and at the same time takes back into her shape those that die. The spirit can live in a tree or is present in the hillsides, seen as a ghostly glow.

Use of the Rune:

The Rune of Bertha, Goddess of Spring's awakening, re-birth of life out of the earth.

Used for the letter 'B'.

Name of Rune: *Ehwo, Ehe, Eh.*
(Two horses heads touching noses).



Meaning of Rune:

Two horses are symbols of being true to a cause, a pact or Holy Oath. It represents twin Gods or heroes who led the Horse Clan. The founders of England in 449 A.D. were Hengist and Horsa, warlords of the Horse Clan.

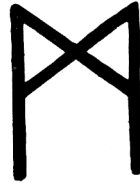
Use of the Rune:

In recent times it became the Rune of loyalty, faithfulness or marriage. It can mean partnership. The mind of man as a rider supported by the horse, his body. The horse was the earliest companion of the Aryan tribes. Out of the

Horse's Mouth, means a truth, our ancestors believed great secrets came from horses to men. In rural England the secret society of men called "Horse Whispers" still exist.

Used for the letter 'E'.

Name of Rune: *Lagu, Lake, Loch.*
(*A water wave.*)



Meaning of Rune:

The waters of life, changes, happenings. Our ancestors saw life like water, always changing yet the same composed of separate instances. The rite of baptism is seen in this Rune, only after being touched by its waters does a young person belong to his tribe or clan.

Use of Rune:

In ancient times it represented the water the Fire-ship travels when a dead warrior travels to the next world. It was marked on ships to ensure safe passage over the waves.

Used for the letter 'L'.

Name of Rune: *Mannus, Man.*
(*Earth plus Heaven equals Man*).



Meaning of Rune:

Man as a creature of intelligence, a being with a soul, given by Mannus the God, ancestor of our species. Man is known through his gifts of memory and tradition. It is this which separates him from the animals. He is descended from the Gods in an unbroken chain.

Used for the letter 'M'.

Name of Rune: *Ing. (The name Ing means Child or offspring).*



Meaning of Rune:

The Rune of the Young, and of Frey who gives man and animals the urge to sire offspring. Ing was one of the three sons of the God Mannus, Ing became ancestor of the Germanic race the Angles, who became the English.

Use of Rune:

This Rune represents the desire or wish for increase, whether it be crops, stock, or population. Or the growth of mankind, (Mannus-kind).

It is the Rune of action, a doing-rune alongside another Rune it makes that Rune work faster. it makes things grow, the Rune of results.

Used for the letters 'ng' and words ending in 'ing'.

Name of Rune: *Odal. (A ringed off area).*



Meaning of Rune:

The Odal or native land has been handed down by our ancestors, it belongs to the family or tribe. It represents Middle Earth, home of the Nordic race. It stands for our racial heritage and its originator, Odin himself.

Use of Rune:

In early times the Rune stood for the initial letter of Odin. It is the Rune of unique gifts not seen by others, talents given by Odin, sometimes only to one tribe or family.

The Rune of traditional rights which are known to be true. In NS Germany and Europe, the Odal was used widely and was the divisional emblem of the 7th Waffen-SS division.

Used for the letter 'O'.

Name of Rune: *Dag, Day. (Midway between day and night).*



Meaning of Rune:

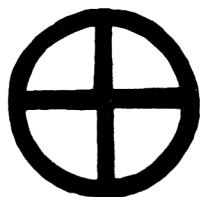
Light when seen at its strongest, of that which is fully grown. A certainty for men. The God of the Day, is Dag, who circles us during the day, spirals off at night to return at dawn. He makes a figure '8' during his journey. (The wheel shape which reveals itself again).

Use of Rune:

In the past it was used on sundials and calendars to express Time. In recent times, used in mathematics to show the idea of eternity.

Used for the letter 'D'.

Name of Rune: *Yule, Sunwheel.*



Meaning of Rune:

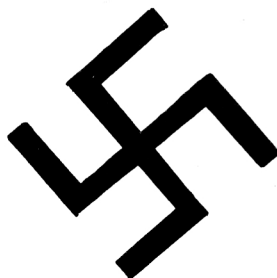
Used to mark a Holy place; an area ringed off as sacred to Odin. The wheel of the Sun God, the circle of the year, divided by four seasons. Law and order as made by God. The even, ordering of society into its parts. Midgard the world of men.

Use of Rune:

It was used as the symbol of Yuletide (Mid-winter). Taken by the early Christians and used to mark their sites, early churches, Holy wells etc.

Used in the 20th Century by both pre-war and post-war NS organizations across the world. In Germany, a gold sunwheel on a blue background was the symbol of the Odinist Movement.

It also represents Odin at any place where four roads meet. Odin the hanged God at the cross-roads where gallows traditionally stood.



Name of Rune: *Flyfot, Fly-foot.*

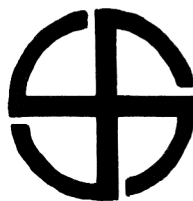
Meaning of Rune:

Thor's hammer spinning through the sky. A symbol of great power, representing the power and dynamism of the Gods. The life-bringing force, as it passes overhead it blesses and sanctifies oaths and marriages.

Use of Rune:

A truly ancient symbol lost in the mists of time.

Used by National Socialists across the world and principally by the NSDAP in Germany. A symbol of all Nordic peoples.



Name of Rune: *Flyfot. (An earlier version of the above Swastika).*

Meaning of Rune:

A broken form of the sunwheel, representing movement. Also known as a mobile swastika.

Use of Rune:

This form of Swastika was widely used in the Bronze Age and Stone Age across Europe.

In the early 20th Century it was used by the pre-World War One German Racial group the Thule Bund. In the 1920's and 1930's it was used by Scandanavian NS groups. It was later used by the Waffen-SS as an emblem, especially by units of Scandanavian SS volunteers.

Name of Rune: *The Wolf's Hook,
Wolf's Claw, Wolf's Angle, Elf
Rune.*



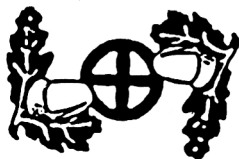
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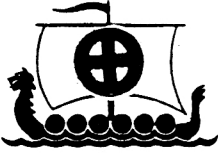
The victory of sunshine over winter. The release which springtime brings from the iron-grip of the Wolf of Winter. A call for all heroes to fight the Wolf who would eat the home of Gods and men. A symbol of the God Tyr who gave up his right arm to bind the Fenris Wolf.

Use of Rune:

A protection against dark forces, the Elves, (those or that which is alien) or the Fenris Wolf, destroyer of the Gods. Symbol of final victory after long and bloody struggle (Total victory is in the Sieg Rune). It is a bind-Rune made up of two Runes; the Sieg Rune and the Ice-Rune

This Rune was the emblem of the pre-war Dutch NS Movement, the NSB. It was also used as an emblem by the Dutch SS and by the Hitler Youth. It symbolizes combat.





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LEFT:

European Peasant Art by the 20th Century artist Georg Sluyterman. The Wolf's Hook rune appears as a signature.

**“Lived in ignorance of our true way,
The elder troth never ceased the fight
Christian intolerance held sway
And now the end of this alien blight”.**